WE CLAIM:

1. A biaxial elastic stretch, breathable laminate, comprising

a breathable elastic film; and

a nonwoven facing material, stretchable in two mutually perpendicular

directions, bonded to the film;

the laminate having elastic stretch of at least 50% in a machine direction and at least 50% in a cross direction.

- 2. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the film comprises a thermoplastic polyurethane.
- 3. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the film comprises a polyether amide.
- 4. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the film comprises a polyester elastomer.
- 5. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the film comprises a monolithic film including a breathable polymer.
- 6. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the film comprises a breathable microporous film.

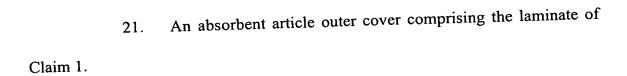
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- 7. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the film has a water vapor transmission rate of at least about 500 grams/m²-24 hours.
- 8. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the film has a water vapor transmission rate in a range of about 750 to about 50,000 grams/m²-24 hours.
- 9. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the film has a water vapor transmission rate in a range of about 1,000 to about 40,000 grams/m²-24 hours.
- 10. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the film has a basis weight in a range of 5 to 20 grams per square meter.
 - 11. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the facing material is stretchable in a cross direction.
 - 12. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the facing material is stretchable in a cross direction and in a machine direction.
 - 13. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the facing material is elastomeric in a machine direction and in a cross direction.

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- 14. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the facing material comprises a side by side bi-component spunbond fiber having a primary side and a secondary side.
- 15. The laminate of Claim 14, wherein the primary side comprises polypropylene and the secondary side comprises a polymer that quenches in a differential manner than polypropylene.
- 16. The laminate of Claim 15, wherein the polymer comprises a flexible polyolefin.
- 17. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the facing material comprises a spunbond nonwoven.
- 18. The laminate of Claim 17, wherein the spunbond nonwoven comprises a thermoplastic elastomer.
- 19. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the facing material comprises a single site catalyzed elastomer.
- 20. The laminate of Claim 1, wherein the facing material comprises a thermoplastic polyurethane.

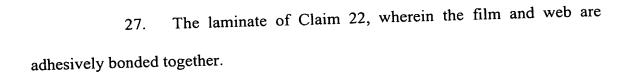


a water vapor-permeable elastic film comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting of polyurethanes, polyether amides, polyester elastomers and combinations thereof; and

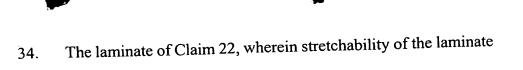
a spunbond nonwoven web, having machine direction stretch and cross direction stretch, bonded to the film.

- 23. The laminate of Claim 22, wherein the spunbond nonwoven web is necked to achieve cross direction stretch.
- 24. The laminate of Claim 22, wherein the spunbond nonwoven web is creped to achieve machine direction stretch.
- 25. The laminate of Claim 22, wherein the spunbond nonwoven web is crimped to achieve machine direction stretch.
- 26. The laminate of Claim 22, wherein the film and web are thermally bonded together.

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- 28. The laminate of Claim 22, wherein the film and web are bonded together via an extrusion coating process.
- 29. The laminate of Claim 22, wherein stretchability of the laminate in a machine direction is at least 50%.
- 30. The laminate of Claim 22, wherein stretchability of the laminate in a machine direction is in a range of 70% to 200%.
- 31. The laminate of Claim 22, wherein stretchability of the laminate in a machine direction is in a range of 100% to 150%.
- 32. The laminate of Claim 22, wherein stretchability of the laminate in a cross direction is at least 50%.
- 33. The laminate of Claim 22, wherein stretchability of the laminate in a cross direction is in a range of 70% to 200%.



- 35. The laminate of Claim 22, wherein stretchability of the laminate in a machine direction is roughly equal to stretchability of the laminate in a cross direction.
 - 36. An absorbent article outer cover comprising the laminate of

Claim 22.

biaxial elastic stretch, breathable laminate fluid barrier,

comprising

a breathable elastic film; and

in a cross direction is in a range of 100% to 150%.

a necked nonwoven facing material bonded to the film.

- 38. The laminate fluid barrier of Claim 37, wherein the necked nonwoven facing material is creped prior to being bonded to the film.
- 39. The laminate fluid barrier of Claim 37, wherein the film is prestretched when bonded to the facing material.